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SUBJECT: MEETINGS OF DRUZE VILLAGERS ALONG GOLAN CONFRONTATION
LINE

REF: (A) TEL AVIV 5753, (B) DAMASCUS 5530

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH ASAD'S POLITICAL
ADVISOR DAOUDI AUG 23 THE ISRAELI NEWS BROADCAST OF THAT
MORNING ABOUT GOI'S "GOOD FENCE" POLICY ALONG SYRIAN BORDER
WHICH WOULD ALLOW DRUZE VILLAGERS TO MEET WITH RELATIVES
(TEL AVIV REFTEL, PARA 3). DAOUDI REPLIED SHARPLY HE
KNEW NOTHING OF THIS PROJECT AND DOUBTED THERE WAS ANY
BASIS IN FACT TO THE REPORT.

2. COMMENT:

DAOUDI'S QUICK REACTION SIGNIFIES EITHER HE WAS NOT
INFORMED ABOUT THESE ARRANGEMENTS OR THAT ISRAELI
PUBLICITY MAY BE HAVING NEGATIVE IMPACT ON SYRIAN
WILLINGNESS TO PROCEED WITH PROJECT.

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